

GILL NETTERS MAY LOSE GEAR

Fleet Has Not Lifted for a Week—May Not Find Nets After Storm.

The gill netters are up against it good and hard and with today, it will have been a week since the boats lifted. Grave fears are expressed by many of the crafts of finding their gear at all, on account of the heavy storm that has raged for several days. The Quoddy attempted to lift yesterday but came back to port on account of the rough weather. Today the fleet is again tied up at their various berths.

The only off shore arrival today is the British sch. Flirt from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt and pickled herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

British sch. Flirt, Bay of Islands, 1375 bbls. salt bulk herring, 52 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, via Boston.
Sch. Esperanto, via Boston.
Sch. Smuggler, via Boston.
Sch. Preceptor, via Portland.
Sch. Jeanette, shore.
Str. Long Island, "Rips", (towed to Boston).

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

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Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Flitch halibut, 10c per lb.
Hake, \$1.80.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Newfoundland herring, \$3.75 per bbl. for salt bulk.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
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Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
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Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.40.
Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round 80c; dressed 90c.
Fresh halibut, 13c for white and 10c for gray.

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SKIPPERS MAY GO TO OLD T WHARF

Big Meeting of Leading Master Mariners at Boston Yesterday Results in Steps Toward Own Concern on Favorite Spot.

If present plans now under consideration come to a full fruition, famous old T wharf, Boston, may again become the headquarters of the fresh haddocking fleet. Strong pressure is being brought to bear, the Times has learned to make T wharf the distributing center again of the fresh fish trade.

No less than 53 master mariners, including several prominent skippers of this port, attended a meeting held at Boston yesterday, and held a protracted session in which the situation was

fully discussed in all its details. The meeting was resumed today and it is possible that at its conclusion some definite action will have been taken, looking to the end as above outlined.

The company which controls the T wharf property is in a receptive mood, it is understood. There is no disposition on the other hand by the skippers to disturb the business at the new pier and in all probability the manager of the new concern would be selected from among some of the leading dealers there.

The skippers believe that the move would be to their advantage as well as a convenience to the fish trade in general.

SEALS ARE GOOD DRILLERS.

Get Through Solid Ice of the Arctic for Air.

Not many people know how the seal of the far North gets air when the Arctic Ocean is entirely covered with many feet of ice, says the Youth's Companion.

The small spotted seal, which is a hair seal, and not a fur bearer, is the hardy dweller of the northern waters. Under his tough, thick skin, he has an inch or more of blubber. When the ice closes up the open water in the Arctic, the seal selects a spot, and begins to drill a hole to the surface by pressing his warm nose against the ice. Nobody knows how many hours it takes him to accomplish his task, but he manages it; and although he is obliged to work most of the time, because the surface of the hole is continually freezing, he keeps it open all winter, and obtains air.

Seals have been known to drill in this manner through 50 feet of solid ice. Whether or not they take turns in the slow drilling is not positively known.

It is at these "seal holes" that the Polar bear seeks food in the winter, and there the Eskimo waits, spear in hand, for his weekly supply of meat.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver and Manhasett were at Liverpool, N. S., Monday and cleared.

Sch. Imperator was at Shelburne, N. S., the same day and cleared.

Hard on the Fishermen.

An order issued by the British admiralty that the whole fishing fleet in the Firth of Forth, Scotland, cease operations has been received with consternation by a thousand fishermen who face ruin. The population also is excited as the people believe the prices of fish will advance beyond the reach of the people whose principal food is fish. The Firth probably will be closed until the end of the war.

CAPT. "SOL" SUES FOR BIG MONEY

The following case from the vicinity of Gloucester was entered in the superior court at the December return day:

Solomon Jacobs of Gloucester vs. Bay State Fishing Company in an action of tort for \$10,000 for personal injuries received February 10, 1912, while steering the steam trawler Ripple by the breaking of an alleged defective wire cable.

ON WINGS OF THE EASTER

Sch. Aloha Made Five Days Passage With Cargo of Herring.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. Wallace Paine, arrived yesterday afternoon from Bay of Islands, N. F., making the in five days. The Aloha brings 10 barrels salt and 13 bbls. pickled herring for the Cunningham & Thompson Company.

With clearing weather, the fleet gill netters ventured out this morning and will try to locate their nets, which they last lifted a week ago today.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Juno, via Boston.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, via Boston.
Gasoline schooner Amiral, from ship, Maine.
Sch. Aloha, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1570 bbls. salt herring, 130 bbls. pickled herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddock.
Sch. Jorgina, haddock.
Sch. Ralph Brown, haddock.
Sch. Russell, haddock.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddock.
Sch. Mary Edith, haddock.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddock.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddock.
Sch. Harriett, haddock.
Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddock.
Sch. Adeline, haddock.
Sch. A. Platt Andrew, haddock.
Sch. Conqueror, haddock.
Sch. Edith Silveria, haddock.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, haddock.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddock.
Sch. Washakie, haddock.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, haddock.
Sch. James W. Parker, haddock.
Sch. Gov. Foss, haddock.
Sch. Arethusia, haddock.
Sch. Ingomar, haddock.
Sch. Bay State, haddock.
Sch. Georgianna, haddock.
Sch. Muriel, haddock.
Sch. Clintonia, Newfoundland.
Sch. Arkona, Newfoundland.
British sch. Artisan, Newfoundland.
British sch. J. D. Hazen, Newfoundland.
Sch. Hortense, Georges handling.

Gone to Bay of Islands.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Lewis, sailed yesterday for Bay of Islands, N. F., for herring.
The British sch. William C. will sail for Bay of Islands, N. F., with another cargo of herring.

Libelled for Salvage.

The Provincetown sch. Gertrude Costa, which ran ashore at some time ago, and was pulled off the tug Nelson, has been libelled by the owners of the latter ship for salvage.

KIPPERS CLAIM IT WILL BE A GO

held Another Meeting at Boston Yesterday On Reviving T Wharf as Fish Center—Masters Association is Revived.

Another interesting meeting of fish-skippers, including a number of this port was held at Boston yesterday, to further consider the advisability of establishing the headquarters of at least a part of the haddock fleet at T wharf on Atlantic avenue again. While no action was taken, it looks as if the proposition will be a "go", and one of the skippers put it this morning, and a committee is at work, planning and studying out the details.

An important result of the meeting was the revival of the Fishing Masters Association, of which Capt. William Thomas is president and the election of a number of new officials. Enthusiasm was manifested in the proposition which has been under discussion for two days, and when the meeting adjourned, the members were in an optimistic mood over the outcome. As stated in yesterday's Times, there was disposition on the part of the skippers to interfere with the business of the new pier at South Boston. They prefer old T wharf for a number of reasons and feel that it is for their financial benefit as well as that of the trade in making the former quarters the center of distribution. The next meeting will be held the first of January when the proposition will come up for further consideration.

N. F. Cod Advanced.
The price of fish has advanced slightly during the week, and the demand has become very keen. The Southern New England markets are good, owing to the withdrawal of competition of the fish, who want all their fish for the requirements. The figures, this morning, for quintal, Merchantable and extra are, \$6.80 to \$7 with a slightly higher price for an extremely good one. Labrador dry is worth \$6.00 to \$7.00, and Labrador sloop is worth \$7.00. Oil has advanced also, and is now at \$7.75 for iron bound packages. There are no lobsters offering and no action in this line are over for the season.

HERRING NOW NOT TOO PLENTY

Some of Fleet Leave Bay of Islands For Bonne Bay.

The Times is informed by its Bonne Bay, N. F., correspondent this morning that herring have been scarce the past few days at Bay of Islands. At Bonne Bay, a few fish have been taken, although herring are not plenty there.

Several of the fleet arrived Wednesday at Bonne Bay from Bay of Islands, including schs. Agnes, Bohemia, Oriole and the British sch. Nobility. Some of these were towed up by the Newfoundland fishery cruiser Fiona.

At Bonne Bay schs. Regina, Senator Gardner and Atalanta are partly loaded.

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Pollock, round 80c; dressed 90c.

Fresh halibut, 13c for white and 10c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 30c each for large, 20c for medium.

Pensacola Arrivals.

Eight vessels returned from the snapper banks during the week ending last Saturday. The record as a whole for the week was very good, considering the small number of craft which returned.

The best catch for the E. E. Saunders Company was made by the Yakima, in command of Captain Frank Cooney, which arrived on her initial trip. The best record for the week for the Warren Fish Company was made by the crafts Hope, commanded by Captain Steve Black.

Records of the various crafts for the week as follows.

Albert Geiger, 6145 lbs. snappers; 2700 lbs. groupers.

Alcina, 13,290 snappers; 3535 groupers.

Fish Hawk, 18,725 snappers; 10,170 groupers.

Angeline, 3740 snappers, 1325 groupers.

Nautiers, 3085 snappers; 970 groupers.

Yakima, 26,430 snappers, 20,000 groupers.

Hope, 21,095 snappers; 8350 groupers.

Flora J. Sears, 21,010 snappers; 2200 groupers.

NOT AN ARRIVAL TODAY AT BOSTON

Few Fish Overland and By Portland Boat Quickly Snapped Up.

No arrivals were reported at the Boston Fish pier this morning, the only receipts of fresh fish being that which was received overland and by the steamer from Portland.

Steamer Long Island which went up from here yesterday morning had 8000 pounds fresh fish which she took out on her arrival there.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Long Island, 6000 haddock, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$5.50 to \$8.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$7; market cod, \$4 to \$6; hake, \$4 to \$6.50.

Portland Fishing News.

Fish supplies are decidedly light in the local market, there having been but very few arrivals since last week, the weather having been so rough for several days that the vessels have all remained tied up at the wharves and even the boat fishermen have been unable to get out on the fishing ground. Prices have taken quite a little advance and a few more days of rough weather would cause an absolute fish famine.

NOTHING IN BY THE POINT TODAY

Outside of the gill netters that lifted yesterday, no arrivals were reported at this port. The former had less than 20,000 marketable fish and these were shipped by the Boston boat this morning.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Jeffery, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddocking.

Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, haddocking.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.

Sch. Esperanto, haddocking.

Sch. Teazer, halibutting.

Sch. Eugenia, Georges handlining.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Newfoundland.

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Week's Landings at Boston.

Fresh groundfish receipts at Boston for the week ending December 11, totalled 1,464,195 pounds from 40 arrivals as compared with 764,410 pounds from 43 arrivals for the corresponding week of 1913.